

Questions included in online questionnaire form

In your submission, please consider the questions below and provide comments related to any other matter outlined in this consultation paper (note these questions can be answered via the [online questionnaire form](#)).

1. Do you support the proposal for certain sports supplements to be declared to be therapeutic goods?

No, I do not support this proposal.

What are the reasons for your answer?

As a consumer of these products, and an educator as well, I believe that I myself have suitable passed on information on how to take these products have been valuable and factually correct to the specific needs of others.

From my personal experience, those who have wrongfully induced these products buy these products online without proper research on these products, and I have heard of the stories behind the reasoning of this proposal, and they're quite idiotic.

I, personally educate consumers, and close friends who are consumers as well and are taught by the owners of the business I work at when people should not use them depending on outside issues.

They're correctly consumed if they have knowledge on the products, and I provide them with it.

2. Would the proposed declaration have an impact on the availability and choice of sports supplements for consumers?

It would have a massive, and negative impact on the availability, with effects on all jobs in the health, sport and fitness industry.

What are the reasons for your answer?

There are many individuals who have careers in this industry who are; consumers, educators, ambassadors, professionals on all of these products. Almost every single professional would refer to a supplement (if necessary).

For starters, a large amount of jobs would almost be unnecessary, mine for instance, Personal Trainers, YouTube fitness professionals content would be cut in half, as well as their profits from their signed supplement deals, Strength & Conditioning Coaches, AFL, Cricket Australia, Olympic Athletes who legitimately are sponsored by numerous of these companies.

This is cutting out so much money in this industry, cutting out so many jobs!

3. Would the proposed declaration provide greater clarity for industry as to whether their products should be marketed as foods or medicines?

No. Nowhere near it.

What are the reasons for your answer?

For starters, a medicine is defined as something that treats or prevents a disease. At most, it could be considered as food, but a large portion of supplements aren't food as they don't consist of macro or micronutrients.

4. Are you aware of products on the market that **would not** be captured by the proposed declaration but should be?

I believe the products that should be but shouldn't be aren't good companies and aren't third party tested like professional companies who actually sell a large number of units.

What are the reasons for your answer? Please provide specific details and the rationale for why these products should be therapeutic goods.

Because they aren't third party tested, and are bought by consumer companies in smaller units because they aren't third party tested.

Companies should just say and provide proof that they are third party tested to be sold here in Australia.

5. Are you aware of products on the market that **would** be captured by the proposed declaration but should not be?

Yes, almost all that are sold in Australia.

What are the reasons for your answer? Please provide specific details and the rationale for why these products should not be therapeutic goods.

This is effecting all things supplements, I know of two companies that won't be effected, and only one of them are debatable to be a good company, the other is terrible.

These products help people in more ways than one, they actually provide physical and mental improvement.

All products that I would recommend to people.

6. What impact would the proposed declaration, if made, have on your business?

This company is a gym, and has multiple stores across Australia, the gym would stand, potentially lose members, but all stores would shut down!

If there would be a positive impact, what are the reasons for your answer?

There is no positive impact in this declaration. Legitimately, none!

If there would be a negative impact, please provide the following information (identified as confidential in the consultation submission cover sheet):

- the number of products affected

95%+ affected products (THE BEST PRODUCTS, THE PRODUCTS KNOWN TO WORK)

- operational impacts on your business

Multiple people would lose their jobs, I would lose everything I've actually worked for and desired, my dreams as well as everyone else would be lost, this is a major part of my life, if not, all of my life. I literally just got this job after an excruciating 2019. Yet, you people are receiving a great lump sum after this terrible declaration.

- approximate costs that these changes may impose on your operation

I would lose my income - 100% effected, my boss, would lose most of his revenue - 75%effected.

7. Do you have any other comments related to the consultation?

I have many comments.

- 1. 1.1-billion-dollar industry theoretically shutting down.**
- 2. Third party testing is the best sufficient response to your own complaints.**
- 3. I'm an educator, consumer, and Exercise Scientist who will refer supplements to most people I work with, you're taking healthy assistance to health & training away. To speed up the overall health of human body.**
- 4. THIS IS HEALTH & FITNESS. You're creating a declaration this will have a negative response to everyone who has a desire to change their lives, you'll increase rates of obesity which have a large amount of co-morbidities resulting in CVD, depression or death.**
- 5. A massive loss of jobs in the younger generation. You complain about the younger generation not working, yet a large portion in the health & fitness industry are young, and will want to get into this side of health & fitness, and you're taking that away. Not to mention, a large portion of university subjects mention sporting supplements, and this will probably remove this from university curriculum for a good few years because no one has an idea in what this is.**
- 6. There are more important things to ban, you'll increase illegal activities with supplements being sold illegally like detrimental drugs, these supplements won't leave Australia, they'll be sold privately and unknowingly to the public therefore increase illegal acts. Smart.**
- 7. Supplements perform a large range of effects; yes, there are downsides if not educated, but there are individuals who are out their educating in stores when someone goes in, and we mentioned what to do and what not to do. To form a trust with the customer. So they understand that we appreciate their knowledge, but we add information and other concerns about the products, and over time provide samples of third party tested products that don't have a banned substance in them to get them over to that product. & finally, you provided photos of the pre-workout, protein products that the company I work for doesn't sell, you provided the photos of products that no one probably knows about, which will affect everyone because there is a knowledge base present on only miniscule products that no one cares about.**